I live in Washington State.

My COVID stay-at-home project was building three solid cedar raised planter boxes. They were then sanded, and given several coats of MinWax Helmsman spar urethane (clear satin).

They looked great for one year. Now they are peeling (in sheets) and oxidizing to a light gray. Photos attached.

I am planning on sanding, using a brightening agent, and then applying a semi-transparent stain.

Based upon my location (Washington State) and needs, what process/products do you recommend?

Thank you in advance.

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